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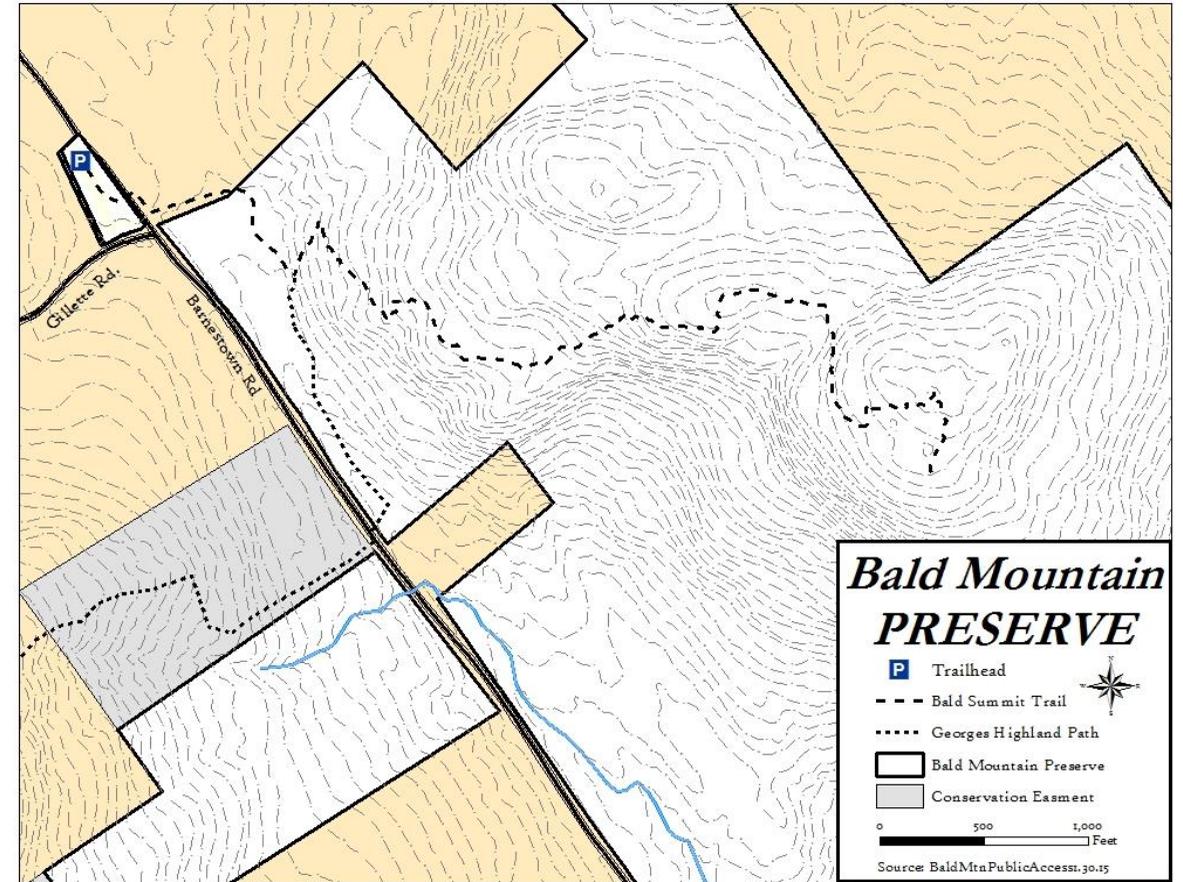


View of Bald Mountain from Camden Snow Bowl

# BALD MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

*Guide & Trail Map*

**Camden, Maine**



## Trail Information

**Summit Trail:** This two-mile round trip travels through forested slopes and up exposed ledges to the “bald” summit which offers a spectacular, 360-degree view of Penobscot Bay, the Camden Hills, and beyond. The trail was rehabilitated in 2008 by the Maine Conservation Corps, with the help of volunteers, at which time the picturesque stone staircase was created and several trail sections that were detrimental to the trail were re-routed to protect subalpine plant life. Please help protect the fragile ecology of this mountain by staying on the trail so as not to

tread on subalpine plants near and around the summit, and by not creating stone cairns.

**Difficulty:** Strenuous, with some exposed uphill climbing that can be especially risky when wet or icy.

**Georges Highland Path:** This section of Georges River Land Trust’s Georges Highland Path travels 1.1 miles from Barnestown Rd. to the junction of the Thorndike Brook Trailhead.



## Bald Mountain Preserve

At 1,280 feet, Bald Mountain is the fifth highest peak on the eastern seaboard. This Preserve, which continues to grow in size due to our ongoing conservation efforts, offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy a true sense of quiet solitude. The south-facing height of land is locally prized for superior views, while areas far from the trail offer remote habitat for wildlife. The Preserve features exemplary geologic features, several unusual vegetation community types, few invasive plants, and intact forested habitat for small mammals, birds, deer, coyote, and black bear. Bald Mountain is also home to one of the midcoast's largest examples of a rare subalpine natural community. An interpretive sign near the summit helps describe this habitat and identifies some of the more unusual alpine plants found on the mountaintop.

Bald Mountain and its sister Ragged Mountain are the focus of our Bald and Ragged Mountains Campaign, an ongoing

effort to permanently conserve a total of 3,470 undeveloped acres on the two mountains. These two Camden Hills are the fifth and fourth highest mountains, respectively, on the Atlantic coast. To date, more than 600 acres have been conserved on Bald Mountain, including the entirety of the land passed through by the Summit Trail.

## Preserve Guidelines

**Please help us keep this Preserve a pleasure for all who visit this natural area.**

- The Preserve is open during daylight hours
- Hunting is permitted. Contact the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for detailed information
- Please wear blaze orange during rifle season
- Dogs must be on leash
- Groups larger than 12, please contact the Land Trust before visiting the Preserve.
- Most importantly, have fun and enjoy!

**The following activities are prohibited:**

- Predator hunting and trapping
- Vehicles, motorized and non-motorized, including bicycles and horses
- Fires and camping
- Removal of native vegetation

**If you have any questions, please call the Land Trust office at 236-7091 or send us an email at [info@coastalmountains.org](mailto:info@coastalmountains.org)**



Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*)

## During your visit look for...

**Migrating hawks** soaring past the summit during fall migration, including locally nesting red-tailed hawks and bald eagles

**Rare subalpine plants** including smooth sandwort, three-toothed cinquefoil and poverty oatgrass.

**Wild blueberries** in sunny patches along the trail in summer.

## Directions

Delorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer  
Map 14, D-3

GPS Coordinates: 44.232717, -69.152073

### From Route One in Camden:

Take John Street (0.8 mi.) to Hosmer Pond Road (which becomes Barnestown Road after the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area). Follow 3.5 miles to the new preserve parking lot on the left, just past the Gillette Road.



Our mission is to permanently conserve land to benefit the natural and human communities of western Penobscot Bay. Since 1986, the organization has protected or facilitated the protection of more than 10,000 acres of land as preserves or conservation easements.

All of the Land Trust's preserves are open to the public.

The Land Trust works cooperatively with landowners to permanently protect biological diversity, scenic landscapes, and agricultural, forest and water resources, to promote awareness of the value of land conservation, and to provide opportunities for the public to enjoy and experience natural lands.

## Join Us!

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